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SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN RATIFICATION OF THE NPT

WEST GERMAN DISARMAMENT COMMISSIONER ROTH RECENTLY GAVE A
GIST OF BONN'S PROPOSED DECLARATION ON THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION
TREATY AND PREDICTS THAT THE RATIFICATION PROCESS WILL BE COM-
PLETED BY APRIL. THE DECLARATION IS NOT YET IN FINAL FORM,
BUT WILL CONTAIN ONLY FIVE POINTS. THE DOCUMENT WILL BEGIN BY
STATING THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THE NPT TO BE:

- 4 --A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN THE EFFORT TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR
3 --NUCLEAR POWERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN THE
2 FIELD OF DISARMAMENT
1 --WEST GERMANY'S SECURITY CONTINUES TO BE BASED ON ITS

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MEMBERSHIP IN NATO

--NOTHING IN THE NPT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HINDERING THE
CREATION OF A EUROPEAN UNION BY 1980

--OTHER NUCLEAR POWERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THE US AND
BRITISH WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS

ROTH DOUBTS THAT THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS WILL BE SATISFIED SINCE THE DRAFT WILL NOT EXPLICITLY CONFIRM THE AMERICAN INTERPRETATION OF THE NPT OR ALLUDE TO THE CONCEPT OF AN INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN NUCLEAR FORCE. NEVERTHELESS, HE REGARDS THESE CRITICISMS AS QUESTIONABLE AND ANTICIPATES THAT NEARLY A QUARTER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION WILL VOTE FOR RATIFICATION. THE REMAINDER OF THE OPPOSITION, HE BELIEVES, WILL ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VOTE AGAINST.

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